

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 5-8, 10-20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

With the present Amendment applicant has amended claim 1 and submitted a second independent claim 24.

These claims define the present invention and distinguish it from the prior art.

The Examiner indicated that the water conduit 20 can not be simultaneously closed on its free end and connected to a connection piece 100. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to Figure 12, in which it can be clearly seen that the nozzle body 86 has either a connection piece 100 or a closure cup 110, depending on the situation in which consideration the spray nozzles 10 are used.

In the embodiment shown in Figure 12, several spray nozzles 10 are arranged one after the other in a throughflow direction. All spray

nozzles with the exception of the last one have a connection piece 100, while the last spray nozzle on the end of the water conduit 20 has a closure cap 110. A spray nozzle with the closure cap can be also used as an individual nozzle.

This has the advantage that with this construction it is possible to cover a plurality of various application possibilities. For example it is possible to use the device for windshield wiper devices with a single nozzle 2 or for windshield wiper devices with an arbitrary number of a plurality of nozzles that are connected with one another through connection pieces, wherein only the last nozzle should be provided with a closure cap 110.

The use of the device which has a single nozzle with the closure cap is shown for example with the embodiment of Figure 8. The closure cap 114 illustrated in this drawing can be replaced with a piece of hose as shown in Figure 7.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is believed that the present invention is clearly defined in claims 1 and 24, the broadest claims on file, as well as in the corresponding Independent claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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